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SUMMARY: NADREPS MET ON JANUARY 10, 1977 TO DISCUSS THE TRI-
SERVICE GROUP (TSG) ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS EQUIP-
MENT, UPGRADING IFF EQUIPMENT, ANDMANAGEMENT REVIEW OF THE
DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP. NADREPS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON TSG
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) DUE TO LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS
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FROM MANY CAPITALS AND A UK DESIRE TO REVISE THE PRO-
POSED TOR TO PLACE ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS ON PARTICIPATION
BY OPERATIONALLY ORIENTED REPRESENTATIVES AND TO PER-
MIT THE GROUP TAKING A MORE ACTIVE PART IN DRAFTING
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. CONCERNING IFF EQUIPMENT,
THE CHAIRMAN, ASYG(DEFENCE SUPPORT)LAGERGE, REPEATED
HIS REQUEST FOR THE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT OF NATIONAL
ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (NADS) TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
STANAG 5017 (2D ED.), AND THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES
TO ESTABLISH A WORKING ROUP TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF

SELF-INTERFERENCE. NADREPS DISCUSSED THE DRG'S IN-HOUSE MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND REPORT TO CNAD; NOTED THAT THE "EQUIPMENT AREAS OF CONCERN" CRITERION IS DIFFICULT TO APPLY TODRG ACTIVITIES BUT THAT SOME FORM OF CNAD DIRECTION, REVIEW AND CONTROL OVER THE DRG IS REQUIRED; AND AGREED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AFTER OBTAINING THE VIEWS OF THEIR AUTHORITIES ON THE DRG REPORT. IN CLOSING, LABERGE REQUESTED NADREPS OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF THEIR NADS ON THE LENGTH OF THE APRIL 1977 CNAD MEETING (W VS 3 DAYS) AND ON LIMITING ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 9. END SUMMARY.

1. LABERGE OPENED THE MEETING BY INTRODUCING DR. KLAUS MUELLER, NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS AND DEFENCE RESEARCH. EXPLAINING THAT MUELLER CAME FROM MOD GERMANY, WHERE HE SERVED BOTH AS COORDINATOR FOR AIR DEFENSE MATTERS AND AS PROJECT MANAGER FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR DEFENSE PROGRAMS SUCH AS NATO HAWK AND ROLAND, LABERGE NOTED THE ASSIGNMENT IS MOST TIMELY IN VIEW OF THE PREPARATIONS REQUIRED FOR DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE MEDIUM SAM SYSTEMS AT THE APRIL 1977 CNAD.

2. TRI-SERVICE GROUP (TSG) ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. LABERGE, NOTING US ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) (REFS A AND CONFIDENTIAL

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B), CALLED FOR NATIONAL POSITIONS. THE BELGIAN, PORTUGUESE, TURKISH AND NETHERLANDS NADREPS STATED NATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOR AS WRITTEN. THE CANADIAN NADREP RESERVED. SIMILARLY, THE DANISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, GREEK, ITALIAN AND NORWEGIAN NADREPS RESERVED BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS; HOWEVER, EACH EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THE TOR WOULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THEIR AUTHORITIES. THE UK NADREP, SPEAKING WITHOUT OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS, EXPLAINED THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE WITH THE TOR. IN BRIEF, THE UK REMAINS CONCERNED WITH PARAS 3A AND 9A BECAUSE "THEY DO NOT PLACE SUFFICIENT EMPHASIS ON OPERATIONAL ASPECTS." IN THE UK VIEW, THE TOR SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THOSE OF THE OTHER MAIN GROUPS WHICH STIPULATE THAT THE MEMBERS SHOULD BE "SENIOR OPERATIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES CAPABLE OF SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY ON...OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND NATIONAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION PROGRAMS."

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THE UK ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE TSG SHOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN THE DRAFTING OF OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, FOR ALTHOUGH AGENCIES OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WORK OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, THEIR PRODUCTS ARE OFTEN GENERAL IN NATURE AND THUS NOT IN A FORM WHICH PERMITS PROCUREMENT ACTION TO FOLLOW. NOTING THIS DEVELOPMENT, LABERGE REQUESTED THE UK PROPOSAL BE DISTRIBUTED TO NADREPS WITH A VIEW TOWARD ACHIEVING AGREED LANGUAGE PRIOR TO THE NEXT NADREP MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 1977.

3. REFERRING TO PREVIOUS UK DIFFICULTIES WITH PARA 2 OF THE TOR (SEE PARA 3, REF A), THE UK NADREP SAID THAT HE EXPECTED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY VIEW. COMMENT: MAJORITY VIEW IS THAT THE THREE UK SUGGESTIONS SHOULD NOT BE INCORPORATED INTO THE TOR. END COMMENT. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE BELGIAN NADREP, DISCUSSION TURNED TO THE TRANSFER OF AC/225'S PANEL VIII TO THE TSG. HOWEVER, THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE, FOR ALTHOUGH MOST NADREPS COULD EXPRESS NATIONAL WILLINGNESS TO TRANSFER PANEL VIII, THEY DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS. TRANSFER OF PANEL VIII WILL BE ADDRESSED BY NADREPS ON 24 JANUARY.

4. COMMENT: TO HELP RESOLVE THE ISSUES INVOLVED CONCERNING TRANSFER OF PANEL VIII ACTIVITIES TO THE TSG, WE ARE PREPARING A PROPOSAL (BASED ON REFS C AND D) FOR TABLING AT THE 24 JANUARY NADREPS MEETING. IN THE INTERIM WE WILL ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL DISCUSSION ON ISSUES UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE TOR AND TRANSFER OF PANEL VIII. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH WE AGREE

WITH WASHINGTON'S VIEW THAT THE TSG CAN MORE PROPERLY ADDRESS THE ISSUES (PAR 2, REF D), THE VAST MAJORITY OF NADREPS REMAIN CONVINCED THEY MUST COMPLY WITH THE CNAD'S DIRECTION TO ANALYZE AND SPECIFY INITIAL ISSUES FOR TSG CONSIDERATION. CONSEQUENTLY, WE AGAIN REQUEST WASHINGTON ANALYZE, PLACE IN PRIORITY AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON TSG ISSUES BY 20 JANUARY 1977. END COMMENT.

5. UPGRADING IFF EQUIPMENT. LABERGE REFERRED TO HIS MEMORANDUM ON THE MATTER (DS/ASG(76)376 DATED 23 NOVEMBER 1976) AND AGAIN CITED THE NEED FOR "THE URGENT AND PERSONAL ATTENTION OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS" TO MATTERS CONCERNING THE UPGRADING OF EQUIPMENT TO CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN STANAG 5017 (EDITION NO. 2) AND THE PROVISION OF MAN-POWER AND RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF SELF-INTERFERENCE. COMMENT: BY REF E WE TRANSMITTED LABERG'S REQUEST THAT DR. CURRIE'S ATTENTION BE DRAWN TO THIS MATTER, AND REQUESTED GUIDANCE TO PERMIT PREPARATION OF A REPLY TO LABERGE. WE HAVE NOT, AS YET, RECEIVED A REPLY. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO REQUEST IN REF E BY 20 JANUARY 1977. END COMMENT.
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6. MANAGEMENT REVIEW. REFERRING TO THE REPORT TO CNAD BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP (DRG) (AC/259-D/538 DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1976), LABERGE REMARKED THAT THE CNAD HAS BEEN ASKED TO ENDORSE THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE DRG MANAGEMENT REVIEW. NADREPS ARE INVOLVED BECAUSE AT THEIR OCTOBER CONFERENCE, THE NADS, AFTER NOTING THAT THE DRG DID NOT CONSIDER THE "EQUIPMENT AREAS OF CONCERN" DEVELOPED IN THE MANAGEMENT REVIEW TO BE APPLICABLE TO ITS ACTIVITIES, INSTRUCTED THE NADREPS TO CONSIDER THIS POINT FURTHER. NOW, THE DRG IS REQUESTING THE CNAD AGREE THAT (A) THE "EQUIPMENT AREAS OF CONCERN" CRITERION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO DRG ACTIVITIES, AND (B) THE ASSESSMENT OF THE USEFULNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CLOSED RSGS IS MAINLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER NATIONS. LABERGE NOTED THIS MATTER WOULD BE A TOPIC FOR FURTHER NADREP DISCUS-

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SION ON 24 JANUARY. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE DOCUMENT
MAKES CLEAR TO CNAD THE DRG VIEW AND DEMONSTRATES AN
UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO CONTROL BOTH ITS SCOPE OF
ACTIVITY AND NUMBER OF SUB-BODIES. FURTHER,
IT IS APPARENT THAT BY VIRTUE OF ITS TOR, THE DRG IS
REQUIRED TO EXAMINE A WIDE AREA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MATTERS TO WHICH SPECIFIC "EQUIPMENT AREAS OF CONCERN"
(SEE AC/259-D/533 DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1976) ARE SOMETIMES
DIFFICULT--PERHAPS IMPOSSIBLE--TO APPLY, NEVERTHE-
LESS, WE SHOULD NOT OPEN A DOOR WHICH WILL EXCLUDE
THE DRG FROM THE CNAD. THE ROLE OF THE DRG IS TO
EXTEND THE STATE-OF-THE-ART FOR CNAD. TO DO THIS, THE
DRG SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS ACTIVITY IN THOSE AREAS WHICH
THE CNAD DEEMS MOST IMPORTANT; THUS, THERE IS A NEED
FOR THE CNAD--IF NOT THROUGH "EQUIPMENT AREAS OF CON-
CERN", THEN THROUGH SOME OTHER METHOD--TO OBTAIN A
MEASURE OF DIRECTION, REVIEW AND CONTROL OVER THE
ACTIVITIES, SCOPE AND SIZE OF THE DRG; IN SUM, WE
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BELIEVE THAT THE DRG NEEDS A SET OF GROUND RULES OR GENERAL
CRITERIA WHICH WOULD GUIDE ITS EFFORTS.
ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT BY 20 JANUARY
1977 ON AC/259-D/538 AND ON POSSIBLE "GROUND RULES"
FOR CNAD MANAGEMENT OF THE DRG. END COMMENT.

7. OTHER BUSINESS. LABERGE ANNOUNCED THAT A MAJOR
PORTION OF THE NEXT NADREP MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO
THE APRIL 1977 CNAD, AND THAT NADREPS SOON WILL RECEIVE A
PRELIMINARY AGENDA. HE SEEKS RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM NADS CONCERNING MEETING LENGTH AND METHOD OF OPERA-
TION, BEING PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THEIR VIEWS ON
WHETHER A THREE-DAY MEETING IS APPROPRIATE ("WE
SCHEDULE THREE DAYS; NADS THEN ARRANGE FOR TWO DAYS.
IS THIS BECAUSE WE ONLY SCHEDULE ENOUGH MATERIAL FOR
TWO DAYS OR BECAUSE THREE FULL DAYS IS UNREALISTIC?"),
AND ON THEIR DESIRES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
("HOW ABOUT NADS PLUS TWO AT THE OUTSIDE? WOULD NADS
PLUS ONE BE EVEN BETTER?") COMMENT: WE WILL FORWARD

PROPOSED CNAD AGENDA UPON RECEIPT. CONCERNING ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING, FROM OUR LOCATION AND PERSPECTIVE, NADS PLUS TWO APPEARS APPROPRIATE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY 20 JANUARY 1977 ON CNAD MEETING DURATION AND ATTENDANCE. END COMMENT.

8. RELATED MATTER. BY REF F WE REPORTED LABERGE'S DESIRE FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE US RATIONALE FOR ITS RESERVATION IN STANAG 4107 REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES, AND WE REQUESTED GUIDANCE TO PERMIT PREPARATION OF A RESPONSE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON REPLY TO REQUEST IN REF F BY 20 JANUARY 1977.

9. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS REQUESTED:

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A. GUIDANCE ON PRIORITY LISTING OF ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION BY THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT (PARA4).

B. REPLY TO REQUEST (REF E) FOR INFORMATION ON UPGRADING IFF EQUIPMENT (PARA 5).

C. GUIDANCE/COMMENTS ON THE DRG'S REPORT TO CNAD AND ON GROUND RULES FOR MANAGEMENT OF DRG ACTIVITIES (PARA 6).

D. COMMENTS ON APRIL 1977 CNAD MEETING DURATION AND ATTENDANCE (PARA 7).

E. REPLY TO REQUEST (REF F) FOR INFORMATION ON US RESERVATION IN STANAG 4107 (PARA 8).STRAUSZ-HUPE

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